

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
for the City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center Project
McLennan County, Texas
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Project PDMC-PJ-06-TX-2007-007**

Interested persons are hereby notified that the City of McGregor, Texas has applied for Pre-Disaster Mitigation - Competitive (PDM-C) program funding under Section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants funds under this program for pre-disaster mitigation activities which reduce overall risks to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations.

FEMA proposes to assist the City of McGregor in the construction of a 9,626-square-foot Storm Shelter/Civic Center on a 12-acre site located on South Johnson Drive in the City of McGregor, west of the intersection of South Johnson Drive and West 8th Street. The proposed structure would be constructed with reinforced masonry and designed to withstand 250-mile-per-hour winds and accommodate 1,250 people during emergency events.

The proposed project would utilize the eastern portion (approximately 5 acres) of the 12-acre site for the construction of the shelter building and associated parking spaces. Access to the site would be from South Johnson Drive. The site currently consists of mowed grass and contains no standing structures, although some infrastructure is present. The required site work would consist of clearing and grading within the 5-acre project area, the demolition or modification of the existing infrastructure, and the installation of water and sewer service with connections to the water and sewer lines along South Johnson Drive.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environmental, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm> or viewed at the following locations:

- McGregor City Hall – 302 S. Madison Street, McGregor, Texas 76657
- McGinley Memorial Public Library - 317 S. Main Street, McGregor, Texas 76657

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date of December 10, 2008. Written comments on the Draft EA can be submitted to FEMA at

the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF McLENNAN

Before me, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Annmarie Penrod

and after being by me duly sworn, states that she is General Manager Niche Publications

of the Waco Tribune-Herald, a newspaper published in Waco, McLennan County, Texas,

and that the Notice, a copy of which is hereto attached, was published in said newspaper

on the following named dates, to-wit:

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Annmarie Penrod

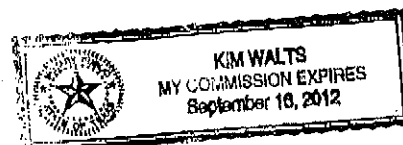
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Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 31 day December, 2008.

Kim Walts

Kim Walts, Notary Public, McLennan County, Texas

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